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Emil Otto House  
Columbia  
Monroe County  
Illinois

DEMOLISHED  
PER COLUMBIA  
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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

EMIL OTTO HOUSE  
Columbia, Monroe County, Illinois

Owner. Emil Otto.

Date of Erection. 1860.

Architect. None.

Builder. Henry Kaemfe.

Present Condition. This house is well preserved, being in good condition except for its wooden portions on the exterior, which are deteriorating. Additions have been made to the rear at intervals, each time maintaining the stone construction, until the last when a wooden portion was added.

Number of Stories. One and one-half.

Materials of Construction. The exterior walls are of a compact, fine-grained, bluish-gray limestone, weathering to a nearly white color. The cornice is brick, and the roof of wood shingles. Interior wood framing is oak and pine; pine floors and plastered partitions.

Other Existing Records. None.

Additional Data. The stratified rocks of Monroe County are something more than one thousand feet in thickness, and there is an outcropping<sup>p</sup> of limestone near Columbia, from which the stone for this house was obtained. It lies generally in regular beds, varying from a few inches to two feet in thickness. The stone is very well adapted for rough walls. There is also a quantity of hydraulic limestone for cement, and limestone for lime, nearby, which

the early settlers made use of in mortar. The mortar in this building is very hard, and shows little or no signs of deterioration. The position and sizes of the stone as laid into the building tell very clearly the methods and manner of construction.

The house represents one of the distinctive types of dwelling with center entrance. Although there is some space in the attic portion, this building does not indicate the second step towards two story construction.

Reference: State Geological Survey of Monroe County.

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